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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant, CR

SUBJECT   : Random Thoughts on All Source File.

1. a. If by "all source" is meant all classified information, I think
        the problem would have to be considered for each separate file.
        The IR dossier might well contain classified information received
        by the several offices of this Agency through various channels,
        provided such information were passed to IR. This would include
        "Special," "PIC," [   ] "TS," "ELINT," "COSMIC," etc. A
        procedure would have to be developed to insure that only information
        to which the requester had been appropriately cleared would be
        disclosed to him.

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    b. The "SR" file and "Intellofax" file contain coded and certain clear
        text information organized differently to service the needs of the
        requesters. The [   ] and the "PIC" file are both
        organized differently for the needs of specialized research. I don't
        see how such files could be merged and I don't think all these
        files could be adequately serviced by one office unless each request
        was handled by the several specialists trained for each file.

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    c. I believe if agreement could be obtained to pass IR, for instance,
        all special information pertinent to its requirements, that shortly
        we would discover there were some information being withheld from
        IR because of its sensitivity and a new classification, for example,
        "Special X" existed.

    d. It is possible that more specialized files are required by the
        research offices and could well be maintained by OCR. If the
        Guided Missile Task Team outlined their requirements in detail,
        we might be able to do their file work for them and help them in
        retrieval. This file could be an "all source" file to include all
        classifications of security or all overt, covert and classified
        sources. Of course this would take several additional professional
        and clerical personnel.

2. If by "all source" is meant all information pertinent to a specific
    subject or the patest data concerning a specific situation, I immediately
    visualize a computer which performs the detailed research required
    to be done by analysts today. The input would of course have to be
    very detailed and uniform and all information regardless of source
    would have to be included. Specialized files could be created
    automatically by special programming and listouts could be made to
    include only the material of certain specified sources or security
    classifications.

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3. I believe the problem of "all source" file should be studied by a
DD/I task force so that all facets of the problem could be related
and guide lines indicated for study by the individual offices.

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